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Dear Gene:

I have a few replies to questions raised by you from time to time when sending material to components of this Directorate. In your recent report you enclosed copies of [REDACTED] Reports on laser altimeter trials and asked if these would be of interest to us. The engineer who talked with you was formerly a contact of Dick K. We circulated these reports to John P., George M., and Bob C. and received no request for any follow-up. They all appreciated your sending these reports; but John P.'s group, in particular, said that the U. S. effort is presently much further ahead in this field.

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You asked, also, if there is any interest in the [REDACTED] [REDACTED] Dave B. is interested and would like to continue receiving these newsletters.

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In March you also sent in a report concerning China purchases in [REDACTED] particularly one dealing with precision optical instruments. Harry W. again expressed his appreciation for your effort but advised that there is no need for information on optical measuring instruments of the type you indicated. They are interested in the type that can be applied as sensors and used in field operations.

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In a letter to you recently I mentioned that it would help out considerably if you separated the material in various ways. For example, by security classification so that certain actions which are of lower classification may be quickly circulated and more easily monitored for a reply. It also gets wider distribution within a particular office. Another thing is the inclusion of actions which have been placed through other means, such as cables and dispatches. These should be answered in like manner. Particularly, cables should be replied

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to by cable; and, if the material is too voluminous, reference can be made to a separate letter which can give us the rest of the details. It is obvious to see how this would facilitate dissemination of specific actions to the appropriate components concerned, and it also makes it possible for us to keep track of responses to the queries which are sent out to the field.

Those items which are of general interest to several components could again be placed close together so that the one memo may be forwarded to the specific parties suggested; or, if it is left up to our determination, then we can take care of the dissemination most expeditiously. Pamphlets, Visnews, newspaper clippings, and such miscellaneous material could be put under another transmittal manifest.

As I mentioned to you previously, it makes a most difficult job to disseminate all of this material and then keep track of replies to get a feedback to you out in the field. At the same time it would separate the very important action items you have from the other information which is important but of a different character and may not need immediate reaction. Finally I leave it up to your discretion on how you want to handle this, but I have pointed out to you some of the problems we face in getting the huge packet of material which we wish to do justice to, but it may arrive at a most inopportune time when we are flooded with many other problems that require immediate attention.

You have my recent information on Colin's proposed visit and that of Alan. In both cases, we will be very happy to see them, and you might pass along the information I gave you. As far as I know, there is no firm decision on the replacement for [REDACTED] but this is expected shortly. There is a leading candidate, I understand, but this has not been confirmed.

Best regards to all,

Bill

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